

**BY EMERGENCY Code Change Proposal 780CMR2603.8-4-05-E4**

Delete all of the current language of Section 2603.8 and Replace with the following language:

**2603.8 Special approval:** Foam plastics shall not be required to comply with the requirements of Sections 2603.4 through 2603.7, where specifically approved based on large-scale tests such as, but not limited to, FM 4880, UL 1040, NFPA 286 or UL 1715. Such testing shall be related to the actual end-use configuration and be performed on the finished manufactured foam plastic assembly in the maximum thickness intended for use. Foam plastics that are used as interior finish on the basis of special tests shall also conform to the flame spread requirements of Chapter 8. Assemblies tested shall include seams, joints and other typical details used in the installation of the assembly and shall be tested in the manner intended for use.

**Reason:** The proposed language is taken from the 2003 ICC IBC for foam plastics and addresses the concern that large-scale testing, reflecting intended configuration and use is required when evaluating the fire performance of foam plastic materials used in buildings.